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A special "THANK YOU" goes to New England producers and agri-businesses who have helped us by completing surveys via mail, telephone or personal interviews. This issue contains the results of monthly and quarterly surveys including the Milk Production, Layer and Egg Production, Potato Stocks and Prices, Bee and Honey, and Trout.

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**POTATO STOCKS:** Maine potato stocks on hand, March 1, 2004 totaled 8.9 million hundredweight (cwt), 11 percent above the March 1, 2003 holdings. Disappearance through February in the State totaled 8.1 million cwt, compared with 9.0 million cwt a year earlier. Storage accounted for 52 percent of Maine's total production, compared with the previous five-year average of 48 percent. The average price received for 2003 crop potatoes across all sales for fresh market, processing and seed averaged \$5.85 per cwt during January 2004, well below last year's \$7.10 per cwt, and the five-year average of \$6.56 per cwt.

The 15 major potato States held 167 million cwt of potatoes in storage March 1, 2004, up one percent from last year and five percent above 2002. Potatoes in storage account for 41 percent of the 2003 fall storage States' production, unchanged from last year. Disappearance of 237 million cwt of potatoes was down two percent from last year but four percent above two years ago. Shrink and loss, at 22.6 million cwt so far this season, was up two percent from last year and four percent above the same date in 2002. Processors in the nine major States used 120 million cwt of potatoes this season, down four percent from a year ago but five percent above two years ago. Dehydrating usage accounts for 26.1 million cwt of the total processing, down seven percent from last year.

**HONEY:** In 2003, New England honey production from producers with five or more colonies totaled 1.1 million pounds, a decrease of 23 percent from production in 2002. Yields from the 21,400 colonies producing honey in 2003 averaged 54 pounds, seven

percent lower than the 2002 average yield. Total value of production across all six States was \$2.3 million, up one percent from the previous year.

**MILK PRODUCTION:** Milk Production in Vermont during February 2004 totaled 208 million pounds. There were an estimated 146,000 milk cows on Vermont farms during February, unchanged from January. Milk production per cow averaged 1,425 pounds.

Milk production in the 20 major milk-producing States during February 2004 totaled 11.8 billion pounds, a two percent increase from February 2003. The number of milk cows on farms totaled 7.7 million head. Milk production per cow averaged 1,531 pounds for February.

**TROUT:** In 2003, the value of trout sold in Connecticut, Maine, and Massachusetts totaled \$946,000, 17 percent above the value from the previous year.

In the three New England States during 2003, there were 16 producers selling trout and a total of 16 hatcheries distributing trout for restoration or conservation purposes. In Maine, 1.3 million fish were distributed during 2003, with weight totaling an estimated 267,000 pounds. State hatcheries in Massachusetts reported a total of 1.2 million fish distributed in 2003, with an estimated weight of 413,000 pounds.

Nationwide, the 2003 value of trout sold, excluding eggs, was \$62.3 million, five percent under the previous year. An additional \$4.2 million was generated from trout egg sales nationwide. The 2003 value of distributed fish was \$60.0 million across the Nation, with eggs valued at an additional \$1.2 million. The complete *Trout Production* report is available on the Internet at [www.usda.gov/nass/](http://www.usda.gov/nass/) and includes more information about eggs, size of fish, and losses, as well as separate tables for percent sold by point of first sale.

This is a monthly summary of New England agricultural statistics taken from nationwide reports issued by USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

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**FALL POTATOES: Production and March 1 Stocks<sup>1/</sup>, 2003 - 2004**

State	2002 Crop			2003 Crop		
	Production	Stocks March 1, 2003	Stocks as Percentage of Production	Production	Stocks March 1, 2004	Stocks as Percentage of Production
	1,000 Cwt	1,000 Cwt	Percent	1,000 Cwt	1,000 Cwt	Percent
California	4,264	2,000	47	3,444	1,800	52
Colorado	27,885	13,100	47	23,652	10,300	44
Idaho	133,385	62,000	46	123,180	58,000	47
<b>Maine</b>	<b>16,960</b>	<b>8,000</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>17,030</b>	<b>8,900</b>	<b>52</b>
Michigan	13,878	4,500	32	15,015	4,700	31
Minnesota	18,700	7,400	40	22,330	9,600	43
Montana	3,224	2,800	87	3,339	2,900	87
Nebraska	8,611	2/	2/	9,860	2/	2/
New York	5,500	600	11	6,510	1,500	23
North Dakota	23,460	10,000	43	27,440	13,000	47
Ohio	903	2/	2/	1,290	2/	2/
Oregon	24,936	9,900	40	20,991	11,000	52
Pennsylvania	2,590	600	23	3,915	700	18
Washington	92,400	30,500	33	93,150	29,500	32
Wisconsin	31,125	11,000	35	32,800	11,000	34
Other States		2,910			3,790	
<b>15 STATES</b>	<b>407,821</b>	<b>165,310</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>403,946</b>	<b>166,690</b>	<b>41</b>

<sup>1/</sup> Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2003 totaled 28.3 million cwt.<sup>2/</sup> Combined into "Other States."SOURCE: **Potato Stocks**, 3:00 p.m., March 15, 2004, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.**MAINE POTATOES: Prices Received, 1998 - 2003 Crop Years**

Crop Year	Prices Received <sup>1/</sup> by Farmers for All Potatoes, Monthly and Marketing Year Average										
	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	Market Year Average
	Dollars per Cwt	Dollars per Cwt	Dollars per Cwt	Dollars per Cwt	Dollars per Cwt	Dollars per Cwt	Dollars per Cwt	Dollars per Cwt	Dollars per Cwt	Dollars per Cwt	Dollars per Cwt
1998	6.25	5.40	5.70	5.85	5.90	6.15	6.45	6.90	7.45	7.05	6.45
1999	5.80	5.30	5.45	6.35	6.45	6.30	6.35	6.40	6.80	6.60	6.35
2000	5.80	5.45	5.50	5.55	5.60	5.50	5.90	6.20	6.80	7.30	6.15
2001	6.20	5.70	6.05	6.65	7.50	7.75	8.30	8.65	9.45	8.05	7.65
2002	5.75	5.45	5.60	6.65	6.95	7.10	7.10	7.45	8.10	8.15	7.05
2003 <sup>2/</sup>	6.15	5.25	5.45	5.90	5.75	5.85	5.90				

<sup>1/</sup> Average price of potatoes sold for fresh market, processing, seed, and feed.<sup>2/</sup> Most recent monthly price is a preliminary mid-month forecast.SOURCE: **Agricultural Prices**, 3:00 p.m., February 27, 2004, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.**VERMONT MILK: Prices Received, 1999 - 2004**

Year	Prices Received <sup>1/</sup> by Farmers for Milk Sold to Plants												
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Average
	Dollars per Cwt	Dollars per Cwt	Dollars per Cwt	Dollars per Cwt	Dollars per Cwt	Dollars per Cwt	Dollars per Cwt	Dollars per Cwt	Dollars per Cwt	Dollars per Cwt	Dollars per Cwt	Dollars per Cwt	Dollars per Cwt
1999	18.20	16.60	16.50	13.90	13.90	14.10	14.50	14.90	16.20	16.30	16.30	13.90	15.40
2000	13.40	13.40	13.50	13.40	13.50	13.80	13.50	13.80	14.00	14.00	14.30	14.60	13.80
2001	13.70	14.30	15.00	15.40	16.20	16.80	17.00	17.30	17.90	16.40	15.80	14.10	15.80
2002	14.20	13.80	13.30	13.10	12.70	12.10	11.60	11.70	12.00	12.50	12.50	12.40	12.70
2003	12.30	11.90	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	12.00	13.20	14.90	15.60	15.30	14.70	3/
2004 <sup>2/</sup>	13.90	13.90											

<sup>1/</sup> Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.<sup>2/</sup> Most recent monthly price is a preliminary mid-month forecast.<sup>3/</sup> 2003 Annual average will be available in April 2004.SOURCE: **Agricultural Prices**, 3:00 p.m., February 27, 2004, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.**MONTHLY MILK: Number of Cows and Production, February 2004 with Comparisons**

State	Milk Cows <sup>1/</sup>			Production per Cow			Production		
	February 2003	January 2004	February 2004	February 2003	January 2004	February 2004	February 2003	January 2004	February 2004
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Million Pounds	Million Pounds	Million Pounds
Vermont	152	146	146	1,370	1,515	1,425	208	221	208
New York	677	658	660	1,400	1,490	1,400	948	980	924
Pennsylvania	588	563	564	1,430	1,500	1,425	841	845	804
<b>UNITED STATES<sup>2/</sup></b>	<b>7,811</b>	<b>7,716</b>	<b>7,720</b>	<b>1,489</b>	<b>1,619</b>	<b>1,531</b>	<b>11,628</b>	<b>12,491</b>	<b>11,822</b>

<sup>1/</sup> Average number for month, including dry cows.<sup>2/</sup> United States includes 20 major States: AZ, CA, FL, ID, IL, IN, IA, KY, MI, MN, MO, NM, NY, OH, PA, TX, VT, VA, WA, and WI.SOURCE: **Milk Production**, 3:00 p.m., March 16, 2004, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

**TROUT: Number of Operations, Value of Fish Sold and Distributed, 2002 - 2003**

State	Total Trout Operations		Operations Selling Trout				Operations Distributing Trout <sup>1/</sup>			
			Number of Operations		Total Value of Fish Sold		Number of Operations		Total Value of Distributed Fish	
	2002 <sup>2/</sup>	2003	2002 <sup>2/</sup>	2003	2002 <sup>2/</sup>	2003	2002 <sup>2/</sup>	2003	2002 <sup>2/</sup>	2003
	Number	Number	Number	Number	1,000 Dollars		Number	Number	1,000 Dollars	
Connecticut	6	6	3	3	275	337	3	3	3/	3/
Maine	14	14	7	6	165	220	8	8	3/	3/
Massachusetts	11	11	7	7	369	389	5	5	3/	3/
NEW ENGLAND <sup>4/</sup>	31	31	17	16	809	946	16	16	3/	3/
UNITED STATES <sup>5/</sup>	--	--	--	--	65,489	62,255	--	--	58,556	59,969
UNITED STATES <sup>6/</sup>	606	545	378	331	69,935	66,431	258	242	60,332	61,182

<sup>1/</sup> Trout distributed for restoration or conservation purposes.<sup>2/</sup> Revised.<sup>3/</sup> Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.<sup>4/</sup> New England includes Connecticut, Maine, and Massachusetts.<sup>5/</sup> Excludes value of eggs.<sup>6/</sup> Includes value of eggs.**TROUT: Number of Fish Sold and Distributed by Size Category, 2002 - 2003**

State	Food Size: 12 inches or longer			Stockers: 6 inches - 12 inches			Fingerlings: 1 inch - 6 inches		
	Number of Fish	Liveweight		Number of Fish	Liveweight		Number of Fish	Liveweight	
		Average per Fish	Total		Average per Fish	Total		Average per 1,000 Fish	Total
	1,000	Pounds	1,000 lbs	1,000	Pounds	1,000 lbs	1,000	Pounds	1,000 lbs

**TROUT SOLD**New England <sup>1/</sup>

2002	71	0.9	66	207	0.4	80	182	16.5	3
2003	66	0.9	58	251	0.4	109	100	50.0	5

**TROUT DISTRIBUTED**

## Connecticut

2002	51	0.7	37	748	0.5	397	492	18.3	9
2003 <sup>2/</sup>									

## Maine

2002	89	0.9	76	727	0.2	172	43	46.5	2
2003	60	1.1	64	710	0.3	195	520	15.4	8

## Massachusetts

2002	470	0.9	400	160	0.3	40	450	4.4	2
2003	450	0.8	373	115	0.3	37	600	5.0	3

New England <sup>1/</sup>

2002	610	0.8	513	1,635	0.4	609	985	13.2	13
2003 <sup>2/</sup>									

<sup>1/</sup> New England includes Connecticut, Maine, and Massachusetts.<sup>2/</sup> Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.SOURCE: **Trout Production**, 3:00 p.m., February 27, 2004, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.**BEE and HONEY: Colonies, Yield, Production, Value and Stocks, 2002 - 2003 <sup>1/</sup>**

State	Honey Producing Colonies		Yield per Colony		Production		Average Price per Pound <sup>2/</sup>		Value of Production		Stocks <sup>3/</sup> as of December 15	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	1,000	1,000	Pounds	Pounds	1,000 Pounds	1,000 Pounds	Cents	Cents	1000 Dollars	1000 Dollars	1,000 Pounds	1,000 Pounds
Maine	11.0	8.0	41	33	451	264	121	140	546	370	266	145
Vermont	7.0	7.0	89	83	623	581	120	192	748	1,116	274	163
CT, MA, NH, RI <sup>4/</sup>	7.8	6.4	54	47	424	302	232	273	984	825	210	144
NEW ENGLAND	25.8	21.4	58	54	1,498	1,147	152	201	2,278	2,311	750	452
UNITED STATES	2,574.0	2,590.0	67	70	171,718	181,096	133	140	228,338	255,791	39,393	40,735

<sup>1/</sup> For producers with five or more colonies.<sup>2/</sup> Prices weighted by sales.<sup>3/</sup> Stocks held by producers.<sup>4/</sup> Individual States are not published separately to avoid disclosing individual operations or because the State has less than 1,000 honey producing colonies.SOURCE: **Honey**, 3:00 p.m., February 27, 2004, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

**MONTHLY CHICKENS: Layers and Egg Production, February, 2003 - 2004**

State	Table Egg Layers in Flocks 30,000 and Above		All Layers <sup>1/</sup>		Eggs per 100 for All Layers <sup>1/</sup>		Egg Production from All Layers <sup>1/</sup>	
	February 2003	February 2004	February 2003	February 2004	February 2003	February 2004	February 2003	February 2004
	1,000 Birds	1,000 Birds	1,000 Birds	1,000 Birds	Number	Number	Million Eggs	Million Eggs
Connecticut	2,951	2,811	3,010	2,865	1,927	2,234	58	64
Maine	4,248	3,948	4,300	3,993	2,023	2,079	87	83
UNITED STATES	274,866	273,970	340,575	338,948	1,957	2,033	6,665	6,891

<sup>1/</sup> Includes all layers and eggs produced in both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size.SOURCE: **Chickens and Eggs**, 3:00 p.m., March 22, 2004, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.**MONTHLY DAIRY PRODUCTS: New England Production, January 2004 with Comparisons**

PRODUCT	January 2003	December 2003	January 2004	January 2004 as percent of:	
				January 2003	December 2003
	1,000 Pounds	1,000 Pounds	1,000 Pounds	Percent	Percent
Butter	4,340	3,477	4,310	99	124
American Type Cheese <sup>1/</sup>	--	4,860	5,961	--	123
Mozzarella Cheese	--	6,250	5,266	--	84
Other Italian Cheese <sup>2/</sup>	--	904	555	--	61
Cottage Cheese <sup>3/</sup>	437	627	574	131	92
	1,000 Gallons	1,000 Gallons	1,000 Gallons	Percent	Percent
Ice Cream, Hard	7,719	5,509	7,147	93	130
Low Fat Ice Cream, Hard	507	543	668	132	123
Milk Sherbet, Hard	154	180	266	173	148

<sup>1/</sup> American Type Cheese includes cheddars, Colby, washed curd, stirred curd, Monterey and Jack.<sup>2/</sup> Includes all Italian cheese except Mozzarella.<sup>3/</sup> Creamed and lowfat.SOURCE of NATIONAL PRODUCTION: **Dairy Products**, 3:00 p.m., March 4, 2004, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.**AUBREY R. DAVIS**, Director**Judy Price**, Editorial Assistant**JOE SAMSON**, Deputy Director**STATISTICIANS:** Robin Helrich, Dianne Johnson, Everett Olbert, Angela Considine, Sherry Deane, Dave Mikelson

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